

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method and apparatus are provided for controlling delivery of electrical power to a hot swappable device. In a system that accepts hot swappable devices, a sensing circuit is provided to detect the hot swappable device being inserted into the system. The sensing circuit provides a signal indicative of the hot swappable device being inserted and a controller blocks delivery of system voltage to the hot swappable device for a preselected duration of time.